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INDUSTRIES DEPARTMENT

AMENDMENTS TO THE TAMIL NADU MINOR MINERAL CONCESSION RULES, 1959.

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No. SRO A - 30(a)/2020.

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub - sections (1) and (IA) of Section 15 of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 (Central Act 67 of 1957), the Governor of Tamil Nadu hereby makes the following amendments to the Tamil Nadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1959, namely:-

AMENDMENTS

In the said Rules,-

(1) in rule 8, in sub-rule (5), in clause (b), in sub-clause (vii), for the expression "a week's time", the expression "fifteen days" shall be substituted;

(2) for rule 20, the following rule shall be substituted, namely:-

"20.Disposal of application.- (1) On receipt of any application referred to in rule 19, the Assistant Director of Geology and Mining, if he sees no valid objection, may grant quarrying lease to the applicant subject to the conditions stipulated in these rules, but no such lease shall be granted except with the previous sanction of the State Government, if the minerals are to be worked by or on behalf of any person who is not a citizen of India.

(2)(a) The minimum period for which quarrying lease for rough stone may be granted in respect of virgin areas which have not been subjected to quarrying so far shall not be less than one year and the maximum period for grant of such lease shall not exceed ten years and shall not exceed five years in respect of other areas:

Provided that a lessee, who has already been granted quarrying lease for rough stone for a period of five years, may apply for extension of lease for a further period of five years in the Form prescribed in Appendix - VI along with the approved scheme of mining obtained in terms of sub-rule (9) of rule 41 to the Assistant Director of Geology and Mining at least 180 days before the expiry of the lease period;

(b) On receipt of such an application, the Assistant Director of Geology and Mining shall inspect the subject area, satisfy himself as to the availability and existence of mineral reserves for further quarrying operations, and grant extension of lease for further period after ensuring that the lessee has not violated any of the provisions of the Act, these rules or the

terms and conditions of the lease deed executed during the tenure of his initial lease, within thirty days;

(c) On grant of extension of lease, a supplementary lease deed shall be executed by the lessee.

(3) The minimum period for which quarrying lease for other minor minerals except rough stone and granite may be granted shall not be less than one year and maximum period for grant of such lease shall not exceed three years.

(4) Where the Assistant Director of Geology and Mining refuses to grant quarrying lease, the reason therefore shall be communicated to the applicant in writing."

(3) In rule 41, in sub-rule (1),-

(a) after the expression "mining plan", the expression "or scheme of mining, as the case may be" shall be inserted;

(b) for the expression "19 and 38-A", the expression "19, 20 and 38-A" shall be substituted;

(4) In Appendix VI, for the expression "[See rules 8 and 19]", the expression "[See rules 8, 19 and 20(2)]" shall be substituted.

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